

Current Employment Report Employment Highlights

The December 2011 preliminary statistics show the number of jobs on Guam increased in the latest quarter and has essentially recovered to the total of one year ago. The composition has changed somewhat with more jobs in services and fewer in construction.

The majority of the increase occurred in Services which added 360 jobs in the latest quarter and 520 jobs over the year. Hotel employment more than recovered from the abrupt drop of 200 jobs in June following the March 11th Japan earthquake and tsunami. Hotel employment increased 160 jobs this quarter and is up 110 jobs over the year. Other services also increased 200 jobs this quarter and 410 over the year. Average weekly hours paid in Hotels also recovered reaching the 37.6 hour figure of one year earlier.

Federal employment increased 90 jobs this quarter and was up by 210 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam total employment changed little over the year; it declined by 60 jobs in the Executive Branch but increased by 130 jobs in other autonomous agencies over the year.

Private average hourly earnings increased to \$442.03 this quarter, up from \$438.54 in September but still below the average of \$447.42 in March 2011.

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